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On 25 July 1953, State Secretary for Shipping Ernst Wollweber was replaced by the deputy secretary, Heinz Hess, who took over as acting secretary. However, the office force at the State Secretariat for Shipping believed that Erich Waechter, CDU member and formerly State Secretary in the Ministry of Traffic, would eventually succeed Wollweber as chief of the State Secretariat for Shipping.

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